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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

CARTER, James T.

Serial No.: Unassigned

Group:

Filed: Concurrently

Examiner:

FOR: MACROPOROUS HYPERHYDROXY POLYMER AND ARTICLES MADE THEREFROM

Date: December 14, 2000

The Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

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Prior to examination of the herewith filed Divisional application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION" insert the following:

This application is a divisional of prior application filed be pt. 10/996, possible to 16,201,089 BI
Serial No. 09/151,111.

Delete Paragraph 12 and replace with the following:

The macroporous hyperhydroxy polymer comprises: 40-60 parts by weight of a purified monoester of a hydroxyalkyl acrylate having a single olefinic double bond, 40-60 parts by weight of a methacrylic acid, up to 5 parts by weight of a polymerization initiator, wherein the molar ratio of the purified monoester of hydroxyalkyl acrylate to the methacrylic acid is from 1:1 to